CURPENT TOPICS Gues that will shoot five miles have been

NINA VAN ZANDT has repudiated her rich

Tun President's country place is closes JOS. CHAMBERLAIN persistently wears : single eye glass.

A DULUTHER has invented a combined

skate and rat trap.

Baltimone is the leading market in the world for ierrapin.

UNTIL the flat of April the country is to

Washington society will soon begin the annual exhibition of decolette.

An Annichist at Minneapolis has been buried in a coffin with red trimmings. Anti-nillous pills sold by peddlers have caused many deaths in Franklin County,

The keeping of young alligators as new tousehold pets is described as a new THERE are as many "old engineers in the

country" as there are Washington's body

not to be a candidate for the Preside my Mus. Chonan is a member of a Saginau (Mich.) church, of which Rev. Mr. Broad-

ax is pastor. A Perranguan dentist has been sued for \$200,000 damages for "negligence in pull-

Fon the first time in their lives President Cleveland and Rev. Dr. Burchard met a Thene has been a number of needed

changes in the furnishings of the White PRESIDENT CARNOT of Franco is in favor

bicycles being used by postmen and public messongers. A WESTERN ranchman will use the barb wire fence that surrounds his vast estate

men telephone line.

Michigan is entirely free from State debt and has a surplus of \$574,785 derived from direct taxation.

from direct taxation.

Jas Junoz, of Kenosha, Wis., although
tetally blind, is one of the most skillful
plumbers in the town.

At the present time in England, John L.

Bullivan seems to be as important a person as the Prince of Wales. QUEEN CRESTINE, of Spain, is said to have a voice which would have earned ber

fame as a prima-donna.

There are nine natives of Ireland, seven Scotts and two Norwegians in the present House of Representatives.

Russia is preparing for the settlement of the Bulgarian troobles in the spring, and expects Austria to respond. RECORDER SMITH, of Philadelphia, has sentenced a man to five years' imprison

ment for stealing an umbrella.

KEOKUK has a glass eater. He is a small boy, and on a wager ate half a lump chimney, and it didn't disagree with him.

GERMAN army: Number of troops, 428,-104; cost, £18,850,000. British army: Number of troops, 198,000; cost, £18,220,000. THE dense forests of West Virginia are

rapidly disappearing, and soon the streams will be sarinking in volume and number.
There is a movement among physicians throughout the country to raise funds to erect a monument to Dr. Benjamin Rush.

THERE is at last a hopeful prospect for a satisfactory solution of the Indian problem. The savages are acquiring the cigarette

Scoren potatoes, with some consign ments of the same vegetable from Ireland, are being imported in considerable quan-Tun proprietors of the Monto Carle

esorts report the annual list of suicides in their yearly statement of divibuilt by that city at a cost of \$4,800,000, and maintained at an annual cost of

newspapers, whereas almost every Eng wapaper writer must be a short

A convert over the will of ex-Vice Pres ident Wheeler is about to begin. The estate amounts to \$75,000, and there are fifty DAVID DUDLEY FIELD takes exercise at

the age of eighty-two years, by walking eight miles every day and riding horseback for an hour besides. The Russian government is in such pres-sing straights for money that it will be

compelled to accept the stringent terms offered by the French bankers.

A Philadelinia hunter went over into New Jersey rabbit shooting; got one cot-ton-tail, and was arrested for gunning

Two bright New Jersey young women, dissatisfied with the money they made teaching, invested \$50 in positry. The first year their profits were \$1,000, the second,

ceed Robert Garrett as president of the Baltimore and Ohio railroad. The new president will receive a salary of \$25,000

MINISTREE are so scarce in Idaho that they have to be imported in many cases where people wish to get married. Trains ed that they might be searched

Tun longest street rallway in the cou try is now in operation between Elizabeth and Newark, N. J., the round trip being nearly thirty miles, for which the fare is

An Oil City paper auggests that natural gas be called petrogen. Prof. Orton, of Ohio, admits that a new name is decirable, but thinks petrems would be a more

cientific term. FARMERS in Wiltshire, Eng., have been obliged by hard times to reduce the wage of their laborers from one to two shillings

is the usual wage.

Bismanck is the busiest man in Ger many. He remains at his deak nightly till two o'clock, and even during his "vaca-tion" in Kissengen attended to his affairs until long after midnight.

ort will be made during this se sion of Congress to reduce letter postage. If the exigencies of the service will not yet permit the reduction of the two-cent rate to one cent, it will be the aim of the reductionists to at least have drop-letter-

The servant g.cl question is not so much of a problem in Germany as a is in this country. The very pretty custom provails there of decorating household servants for long and satisfactory service. One "union" the within twelve years decorated handred servants. So nothing of a six paper is done in England.

## HARPER GUILTY.

He Embezzled and Misappropriated Fidelity Funds, And Made Palse Entries in the Bunk Book

-Stay of Judgment Over-ruled - The Great Bank-Wrecker is Sent to the Ohio

CINCINNATI. Dec. 10.-Edgar Stark, cashierot

CINCINSATI. Dec. 10.—Edgar Stark, eashford the Cincinnati National Bank, was the only witness on the stand to-day, and he for only about two minutes. The case was then submitted to the jury without argument from either side.

Judge Jackson then charged the jury. When defining the law where criminal violation was to be construed, Judge Jackson's voice became stern and hard, and he read with terrible cumplasis, and he would straighten up and look squarely at the jury for a breath or two. Where there was a reasonable doubt in favor of Hurper he got it.

a got it.

"Now, gentlemen, the court desires to talk tith you in further explanation, having defined he haw as far as it is able." And then Judge lackson went into an explanation of the transctions by which the defendant was benefited and the Pidelity Bank suffered.

Harper sat pale, very pale, and when the indge's terrible words were uttered the eyes of the defendant were transfixed upon the face of the indge.

the defendant were transfixed upon the face of the judge.

"Men can't acquire rights by a slip of paper. Over \$300,000 was taken from the Fidelity Rank," said Judge Jackson, "There is no doubt about that. The taking of that \$30,000 check of the Riverside Iron and Steel Works from the \$50,000 call ioan that was not to be touched, was an unlawful and crimins just," and the judge fairly hurled this at the jury as the first gun.

Said the judge: "On Angust 16, 1898, a credit to the amount of \$100,000 was placed in the Fidelity National Bank for the Riverside Iron and Street Works, but this was not to be drawn from. It was merely placed here to make the corporation look stronger, or in other words, make believe that it had a large bank account. On October 12, 1895, \$40,00) was abstracted from the bank on this credit, which was entirely unlawful. On February 12, 1887, the defendant admitted having issued a certificate of deposit on the First National Bank and the control of the part of the part of the property of the part of the February II. 1887. The defendant admitted having issued a certificate of deposit on the Pirst National Bank of New York, when he knew no money was in bank to cover this transaction. When he took to himself that credit by placing a mere charge ticket in the bank, he took to himself a false credit to which he was not entitled. He states that he gave his individual checks for the amount, but the books don't show that he did so.

checks for the amount, but the books don't show that he did so.

'On February 28, 1887, another certificate of deposite for \$500,000 was jasted. On that same day not a doing was in the bank to his credit; he simply had made out charge thekets and had them charged to First National Bank of New York. On February 28, 1887, he had drafts drawn on First National Bank of New York. In favor of Witchins, Eckert & Co., to be used to send to J. W. Kershaw & Co., to purchase wheat. If you find that these checks were sent to Chicago for the wheat deal, then you will find that \$80,000 was taken from the bank here and \$200,000 from the First National Bank of New York, and no extens of book keeping was ever invented to cover such enormous transactions. March 7, 1887, \$200,000 was drawn from the Chemical Bank, and the defendant testified that he charged it to his own individual account. But when he drew it he did not have it charged on the Fidelity books.

"Gentlemen, there is the amount of \$200,281.50.

charged it to his own individual account. But when he drew it he did not have it charged on the Fidelity books.

"Geatlemen, there is the amount of \$555.261.25, for which the checks were exhibited here, that unlawfully went out through the medium of the Fidelity to the credit of Irwin, Green & Ca. The amount to the credit of C. J. Kershaw was \$570.000. Same source to Hoyt, \$59,000. Irwin & Green, \$50,000 on the false credit of \$85,000. And this on the transactions in which the defendant admits he was interested with Mr. Hepkins. He teek to himself that \$500.000. He took that unlawfully, giving himself credit. There are outstanding liabilities on letters of credit to Irwin & Green still \$215,000, and amounts to other parties. It is not so particular as to the exactness."

Judge Jackson then described the sending of the 1000,000 hy means of Wilshire, and denounced that, in the light of the evidence address. "It is assumed hand; the defendant was drawing \$500,000 for unlawfol and criminal purposes."

minal purposes.
"It is admitted that the defendant made be "It is admitted that the defendant made hecole efforts to save the bank. But that has no
clevancy to the wrong done. A man scuttles a
ship and then makes beroic efforts to save the
hip. That does not preclude the criminality of
he act. I may fire upon fou and give you a
tangerous wound; I may do all in my power to
top the flow of blood, but there is the criminalty of the act and the offense against the law."
CINCINNATI, Dec. 12.—Judge Sage took his
seat promptly at 10 a. m. Judge Jackson was
not prevent, having gone to Covington to hear
races. At seven minutes past I'm the jury took
heir seats. When each man had maswered to
its name Jüdge Sage turned to the jury and
ald: "Gentlemen, have you agreed upon a verlict?"

The defendant is not in court, your hone "The defendant is not in court, your hone." remarked Prosecuter Burnet. In a mement the accused, Mrs. Harper, her sister. Miss Matthews, and Major Hischburn entered the room. Mr. Harper was slightly pale, but his step and general bearing were firm. He first saw that the ladies were seated, and then, taking his seat, braced himself for the verdiet. His fate was seon known. The deputy opened the scaled envelope containing the verdiet and read: "Circuit Court U. S. for the Southern District Ohio. The United States against E. I. Harper. We, the jury, find the defendant guilty as charged in the indictment.

"Sitas WillJaisson, Foreman,"

the indictment.
"Silas Williamson, Foreman. Mrs. Harper made herole struggles to contol her feelings, but when the verdiet was read she rooks down completely, and burying her head a her handkerchief, sobbed as if her heart was

ment, which the court promptly overruled secutor Burnet then arese and moved that iminative sentence be imposed upon the delant. The court, after considering this moby reviewing authorities, overruled the

i: "Mr. Harper has nothing further to add ept to thank the court for the fair and im that trial, and prays the court will be as mer-

Mr. Harper, stand up," said the Judge, and "Mr. Harper, stand up," said the Judge, and the prisoner arose.

"You have been found guilty by a jury of your peers," said the court, "of embezzing, abstracting and misappropriating the funds of the Fidelity bank, and of having caused to be made false entries upon the books of the make. Your guilt has been established beyond all doubt. In view of the gravity of your offense the court thinks you be imprisoned in the Ohio penitentiary for the term of ten years, and that you be committed to the custedy of the marshal to be taken to that institution at once." The sentence was prepared by Judge Jackson.

Major Hackburn requested that the execution of sentence should be stayed, as the defindant had business matters which needed his attention. The court refused to grant the request and ordered that the prisoner be taken by the marshal to Columbus this afternoon.

Colonel Blood, of Kentucky, (to his a very peculiar taste about this milk, r, but for the life of me I can't my dear, but for the life of me I can't tell what it is. Never tasted any thing like it before. What is 14?" Mrs.

-An old bachelor's definition of a baby-A crying svil which you only aggravate by putting down. N. Y.

### FIFTIETH CONGRESS.

First Session.

Washington, Dec. 12.—Senate—A resolution was adopted maming the Senators to constitute the standing committees for the Fiftieth Congress. Also, a resolution making the select committees. A large number of communications and petitions were presented and referred. Bills were then introduced and resolutions offered. Among the latter was one by Mr. Hale providing for the appointment of a select committee of seven to examine fully into the present condition of the civil services in all its branches.

branches.

House.—Executive communications, principally relative to private land claims in New Mexico, were laid before the House and referred. A resolution referring the petition of Owing Chase, the delegate from the "public land strip" adjoining Indian Territory, to the Committee on Territories, was laid on the table.

Specker Carbials took the floor, and asked Committee on Territories, was laid on the table. Speaker Carliale took the floor, and asked the House to appoint a Committee on Elections, on account of the pending contest for his seat, which made it improper for him to act. A resolution was adopted for the election of the committee to morrow at 1 p. m. A resolution was laid on the table calling on the Secretary of the Treasury for information about the need of the Government for the tax on olcomargorine. Propositions were submitted to amond the rules. mend the rules

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18. -SENATE .- After the presentation of a large number of petitions.
Mr. Morrill, from the Committee on Finance,
reported back Senate bill to credit and pay to reported back senate bill to cream and pay to the several States and Territories and to the District of Columbia all moneys collected un-der the Direct Tax act. of 5th of August, 1861. Calendar, Mr. Ingalls introduced bills to re-move the limitation in the payment of arrears of pensions, granting arrears in certain cases to those pensioned by special acts of Congress, Other bills were introduced, among them the following: For the preservation of the woods and forests adjacent to the sources of navigable rivers and their affluents. Constitu-tional smeadment for the extension of the Con-gressional term till the last Tuesday in April. To amend the Inter-State Commerce act; als for the establishment and operation of

United States postal telegraph.

House —A large number of Executive communications were laid before the House by the munications were laid before the House by the Speaker and appropriately referred; and then, at 18:40, the House took a recess. After recess Speaker Carlisle having called Mr. Mills, of Texas, to the chair, Mr. Cannon, of Illinois, offered a resolution declaring that the following named gentlement shall constitute the Committee on E ections: Messrs, Crisp, Chairman; O'Farrell, Outhwrite, Harry, Maish, Hoard, Johnson (N. C.); O'Neil, (Ind.); Moere, Rowell, Houk, Cooper, Lyman, Johnson, (ind.); and Lodge. The resolution was unanimously adopted. The Speaker, having resumed the chair, directed all papers in the various contested election cases to be referred to the Committee just elected and then the House at 1:10 adjourned until Friday.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.-SENATE.-A report was read from the Committee on Privileges and Elections deciaring that C. J. Faulkner had been duly elected Senator from West Virginia. Mr. Fanikner was thereupon sworn in. A number of hills were introduced and referred. Senator Morrill's bill to regulate immigration was taken up and discussed. At 2:40 p.m. the fienate went into executive seasion, and ton minutes later adjourned.

House,—Not in seasion.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—SENATE.—A communication from the Italian residents of Washing ton propositing to present to the United States a marble bust of Garibaldi was referred to the Committee on Library. A number of hills were reported back from the Com-mittee on Commerce. A number of hills were introduced, one to prohibit the borrowing of money by railroad receivers beyond the amount of their annual net income. The Sen-

ate adopted a resolution requesting the Attorney General to investigate the issue of a patent to an employe of the

HOUSE -Not in session. WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.-SENATE-Not in sea

# NOVEL SENTENCE.

Three Boys Ordered to Be Publicly Flogged by Their Fathers, Upon Conviction tharges of Petit Larceny. Sr. Louis, Mo., Dec. 18.—In the town of

Washington, fifty miles west of this city, three boys, John Dworick and Gus and Eddie Schoengardt, were arrested a fev found guilty by Justice Hogenbusch, but in consideration of the fact that they came of good families he affixed a punish-ment without precedent in the State. The parents of the boys pleaded hard for them, and the judge flually ordered a nominal fine imposed providing the parents would publicly flog the boys in the court-house square. The fathers agreed, and Friday about one thousand person ers flog the boys soundly. All the school vited to be present and profit by the mora example. The children were marshaled by their teachers. One of the culprits atool the drubbing without a murmur, but the vells of the other pair could be heard

BATHURST, N. B., Dec. 18 .- An engine and snow-plow on the Caraquet railway, car-rying thirteen men, got off the track on the McIntosh Cave bridge yesterday, and went over into the river, carrying all but one of which was eight feet deep but swam ashore. Those killed were all pinned down by the engine and plow.

RAVENNA, O., Dec. 18.—James Robinson, the last one of the murderers of Detective Wm. H. Hulligan, is doomed to walk to the gallows. At 6 o'clock this evening the

-They were doing a little love making between acts. Just as the curtain went up he called her his "Say," said a man in the next sent back, "coulin't you get your angel to wear her wings somewher besides on her hat?"—Chicago News.

long time." Insinuatingly remarked the butcher to Slopay the other morn-ing. "That's bad," raplied Slopay, sympathetically. "Why don't you les it walk?"—Washingion Crific.

## A BOILER EXPLODES.

Five Persons Known to Have Been Killed and Others Missing.

Little Girl Crushed to Death by a Flying

WEST CHESTER, PA., Doc. 16.-The explosion of an eighty-horse-power boiler in the Edison Electric Company's Works this afternoon caused the death of five per-sons and the injury of three others. The sons and the injury of three others. The boiler was lifted from its foundations and propelled thirty feet, passing through the base of a ninety-feet-high stack, which instantlyfell. Superintendent Walter Embreo was engaged with a force of men close to the stack unloading a new boiler. The whole party were buried beneath the fallwhole party were buried beneath the fall-ing bricks. Rescuing parties immediately organized, and the bodies of Embree and laborers Elwood, Beckett, John Brad-ley and Samusi Webb were taken out, Edward Schofield, a laborer, was bad-ly scalded. William Allison, laborer, and William H. Richardson, foreman, were found still alive, though more or less injured. Hettie, a ten-year-old duughter of Wm. Jones, was returning from school almost a square from the scene, and was instantly killed by a flying beam. Large pieces of iron were thrown great distances, and descending passed through the roofs of houses. All prop-erty in the vicinity suffered. It is thought all bodies have not yet been discovered. A large force of men to-night are digging over the ruins by lantern light. The streets are enveloped in darkness. The works are badly wrecked. Clerk of Court D. O. Taylor, who was at the works a few minutes previous, has not since been seen, and it is feared he is also beneath the ruins. Schofield, badly scalded and

## several others are missing. FOUR MAY COME IN.

internally injured, will probably die, Among the other injured are Frank Kin-

nan, Jacob Brown, cut, scalded and bruised. Besides Clerk of Court Taylor,

But Can Not Vote for President Until the Election of '92. New York, Dec. 16.—A Washington spe cial to the Herold says that there is every indication that the Territories of Dakota, Washington, Mentana, and possibly Utah, will be admitted into Statehood. While Utah has adopted a new constitution, which prohibits the perpetuity of polyg amy within the Territory, Congress will make the provision that in the event of the Territory's admission into the Union, that clause of the constitution can not be dis-It matters not however, if they are ad-mitted at this session, they will not be granted the right of National franchise

A Hen Changes Her Color. PARKERSBURG, W. Va., Dec. 16.—Charles Fox, of Sixth street, has a game hen which is proving quite a curiosity. The hen is now three years old, and until this winter always sported a full dress of coal-black feathers, but when she shed her a mmer suit she must have concluded that black had gone out of fashion, as she has now come out in a suit of pure white. There is neither a black feather nor a colored speck of any kind to be found upon her. The brated black-breasted red dead-game cocks, and Fox new is curious to know whether this change will affect the disposition and gameness of her future de-scendants in the pit.

A Female Dick Turpin City or Mexico, Dec. 16.-Thursday in a anch near 816 Antonio, died an old wo man who in her youth gained her living as One time she went out on the highway, and, single handed, dressed in men's cioth-ing, stopped the mail stage. Directing herself to an imaginary host in the brush she said: "Shoot any one who moves," and calmly entering the stage robbed the passengers of all of value they had, and safely returned to the village with her plunder. She left behind her a document containing an account of this and a num ber of other startling adventures which she has had.

An Iowa Hanging. CHARLES CITY, IA., Dec. 16.—Chester Bellows, who murdered his sweethear; was hanged at 10:46 o'clock this forencon. He had to be supported to the gallows, and as the rope was placed around his neck he exclaimed three times. "Please leads" he had to be supported to the gallows, and as the rope was placed around his neck he exclaimed three times. "Please don't." As the sheriff placed the white cap over his head he exclaimed again, Please don't I am innocent " The trat and forty-three seconds his heart ceased to beat. His neck was broken.

New Device for Robbing Mails.

Washington, Dec. 16.—A neat device for robbing the mails has been discovered in this city. A sheet of stiff paper was passed by the thieves through the opening of the street lamp boxes with both ends folded and gummed so that one end ad-hered to the box, and all letters dropped in thereafter were caught in the other end and held. At night-time the paper with its contents was withdrawn and the letters abstracted, opened and rifled.

OTTAWA, ONT. Dec. 16 .- The total number immigrants arriving in Canada from January 1 to November 30, was 128,162, compared with 309,422 for the same period last year. The total number of passengers to the United States from Canada for oleven months of 1887 reaches 65,621, as compared with 48,587 for the same period

St. Louis, Dec. 16.—Advices from Presas Aldama, in the southern part of Tamaulipas, state that extensive deposits of gold and cinnabar, or quicksilver-bearing ore, have been discovered near there.

Eight Millions to Be Paid Out.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.— Arrangements are now being made at the Treasury Department for the payment on January I next of \$8,414,670 interest on U. S. bonds and Pacific railroad bonds. This is in addition to \$848,633 interest which would have failen due on that date, but which basbeen the payment of the terms of the payment of the payment of the terms of the payment of the terms of the payment of the repaid with rebate, under the terms of separtment Circular No. 90.

Hanged for Killing John Smith.

### TOM WOLFOLK

Yound Guilty and Sentenced to Die for the Murder of Nine Members of His Family. Macon, Ga., Dec. 15.—The closing scene in the famous Woolfolk trial was ended at one o'clock to-day, when a verdict of at one o'clock to-day, when a verdict of guilty was banded the judge by the jury. The tragedy for which he is to suffer was unparalleled, perhaps, in the annals of the history of crime, which was no less than the murder of nine of his family. The trial was remarkable from many points of view. The prisoner has exhibited a more than natural smount of nerve. He still main tains his innocence, and in reply to Judge Gustin's question if he had any thing to say as to why he should not be sentenced. he replied with a steady voice and re-markable self-possession that in view of false testimony of various witnesses he could expect nothing more. He ovinced no emotion or surprise, and received his senemotion or surprise, and received his sen-tence atoically. The jnc or ordered that he "Be hanged by the neck until dead," on the 10th day of February next, and that the execution be private. Woolfolk k seed his sisters good-by a few minutes later, and was rapicity firthen back to jail. All that human exertion and brains could accomplish have been exhausted, and the last set in this terrible tragedy will soon place it among the annals of criminal bistory. From demonstrations and gener-al public sentiment the majesty of the law has been fully vindicated, and perhaps best thus, for lynching would have most undoubtedly resulted in the event of trial. Precautions were taken against this, but it would in all probability have resulted in the mob accomplishing its pur-

AFTER TWENTY YEARS. udden Appearance of an Heiress Wh. Was Supposed to Have Died Nearly: Quarter of a Century Ago.
SHARON, Pa., Dec. 15.—To-morrow th Court of this county will commence trying a highly important case, arking from a sort of "Rip Van Winkle" chain of incidents. Dr. Edgar and wife were among the wealthiest social lights of this county for twenty years, lavished undying affection on av only daughter then in her toons. Sudden ly, to the astonishment of the fashionable circle in which she moved, the heirass left the parental mansion, saying her father or mother would never see her again. True to her word, they did not. The parents succumbed to their great blow without ever permitting the community to question as to the nature of the family skeleton which caused the mysterious separation. Death soon removed from trouble the grief-stricken couple, and after months of advertising for the lost heiress the estate was put up at administrator's sale and converted into cash, which, in the abse co of the daughter, supposedly dead, drifted into the hands of distant relatives, who were astounded recently by the appearance, after twenty years' absence, of a portly middle-aged lady, who, with legal assistance, established her identity as the

doctor's beiress. Her identification was placed beyond doubt by a peculiarly crippled hand. Judge Blandin, of Cleveland with several local attorneys, will to-mor

row, commence battle with the legal light retained by the defendants. Truly Appalling. Ban Francisco, Dec. 15,-The steamship City of Sydney arrived this afternoon from Hong Kong and Yokohama and ing Kong and Yokohama and banks on the evening of September 58, southwest of the city of Ching Chow, and not only completely inundated that city but also ten other populous cities. The whole area is now a sea ten to thirty fee deep, where it was once a densely populated and rich plain. The former bed of the Yellow river is now dry, and the present lake was the bed of the river centuries ago. The loss of life is placed at 270. 000, and the statement is made by mission aries that millions of Chinese are homeles

Boulanger as a Prophet.

and starving.

St. Perensuuno, Dec. 15.—The Nove Fremya publishes in its Paris correspond ence a letter from General Boulanger to M. Sasini, member of the Chamber of Deputies, declining the latter's offer to sur render his seat in General Boulanger favor. The General writes that he cor siders it a patriotic duty to adhere to his military position in view of the fact that he expects war, and concludes by declar-ing that France has a greater need of Generals than of Deputies

Governor Bodwall Dead,

Hallowell, Mr., Dec. 15.—Governor Bodwell died this morning. His death was caused by congestion of the lungs caused from exposure and overwork. Jos. R. Bod well was born in Methuen, Mass., June 18 1818. He was the son of a farmer, open-quarries in 1832 on an island in the Penob ott Bay and organized the Bodwell and later the Hollowell Granite Company. He served twice in the Legislature, and in 1886 was elected Governor by the Republicans.

Liquor Law Declared Unconstitutional. Augusta. Ms., Dec. 15.—The superior court of Kennebec County has declared the law making the payment of the U. S. special tax as a liquor seiler prima facie evidence that the party paying such tax is a saloon-keeper, and therefore a public nuisance, to be unconstitutional.

PORTLAND, ORE., Dec. 15.—Fung Lun Dyk and Chee Lung, two Chinamen, wer convicted to day of murder in the first de gree for killing Lee Yick in a Chinese theater on the night of November 6. The penalty is death. The sentence will be

BALTIMORE, Dec. 15.—Thomas Tibbitta was this afternoon convicted of having committed a felonious assault upon sevenyear-old Maggie McDermott, his cousin and sentenced by Judge Duffy to fifteen years and six months in the penitentiary.

Copper in Vermont.

NORTH ADAMS, MASS., Dec. 15.—The good copper in the vicinity of Stamford, Vt., which they proceeded to develop. They now have a shaft sunk to a considerable depth, with arch results that work has

City or Muxico, Dec. ib.—The United States Fish Commission Car No. 2 has arrived here bringing 5,000 carp and goldish as a gift to the Mexican Government.

# ARMY INCREASE.

Measures to Extend the Efficiency of All Branches.

Especially the Artillery, Will be Pressed This Winter.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.—The proposition of Senator Manderson for the adoption of the three battalion formation for infantry will be advocated strongly this winter. The Senator has added to the measure as it passed the Senate in the last Congress a section increasing the number of regular soldiers 2,500. This is one-half the increase General Sheridan thinks the army ought to have, and it is added to the bil with the idea of helping along the movement to increase the efficiency of the artillery branch, which has not received so much attention as other arms in recent years, and whose officers are complaining of the neglect. Mr. Manare complaining of the neg'ect. Mr. Manderson pointed out last spring the unpleasant fact that in the formation of its infanity the Unite! States is behind every other country except Persia and China, and he does not doubt that arguments which led the Senate to adopt his bill last year will prevail this year. The Senate Milltary Affairs Committee, which now has Senator Hawley at its head, is disposed to deal promptly and generously with all military measures. Army officers who look to it for efficient aid in curing defects and making improvements curing defects and making improvement in the present military system are not I kely to be disappointed. Senator Haw-ley is expected to be more energetic in attending to work of this nature than was his predecessor as Chairman, the late tion-eral Logan, whose time was largely de-voted to the interests of the veterans of the war. There is also in the Senate a general disposition to follow the suggestion of the Milit ry Affairs Committee, so that the Senate will probably do its share in this Congress in adopting measures of importance to the army. Until the Speaker an-nounces the Military Committee in the House the army will not be certain what to expect from that branch of Congress. General Bragg, however, is not a member this year, and the failure of the three-bat-talion and some other important army bills last winter was credited to his oppo

## The Crown Prince Worse.

LONDON, Dec. 14.-Dr. Mackenzie ha tarted for San Remo, where he will make another examination of the German Crown Prince's throat. Foreign and home stocks are flat on account of the departure of Dr. Mackenzie for San R mo, the im

pression being that the German Urowa Prince has had a relapse. VIENNA, Dec. 14.—Dispatches received here report that the condition of the Ge-man Crown Prince's threat has become worse, and that a special medical con-sultation has been called at San Remo This, the report says, explains Dr. Macken zie's hurried departure from England.

# The Boldest Theft on Record.

CINCINNATI, Dec. 14 .- An unknown mar drove up with a horse and wagon in front of Charles Menglashagen's bakery, West Fifth street, about six o'clock this evening. On the sidewalk was a barrel of flour awaiting to be taken into the store. The stranger dismounted and quickly loaded the barrel into his wagon and drove away The act was seen by a passer-by, who told Menglashagen. The latter ran out and gave chase, but the thief was soon out of sight.

Desperadoes' Paradise. Nobertie, Tex., Dec. 14.-From stock men arriving here it is learned that lawlessness reigns supreme in the public land strip. Murders are daily occurrence. Five no court in the land strip, and desparadoes making daily raides into Texas, carrying off borses and cattle. People in the Texas pan-handle are clammering for Congres o place the strip under the law.

SPRINGPIELD, ILL., Dec. 14.—The Live Stock Boards of the various States, in sethe introduction and spread of Texas fever, and proposed that Congress establish a Government laboratory for the de-velopment of scientific information upon the subject of contagious disease.

General Longstreet Applies for a Pension. ATLANTA, GA., Dec. 14 —General Long-street has applied for a State pension un-der the law passed by the last Legislature providing pensions to wounded Confederate soldiers. General Longstreet was ness. He is seventy years old and poor. The number of applications under the law

Mantinsville, IND., Dec. 14 — While re-turning home from a fishing expedition yesterday, Bone Waldon and his little boy, who live some three miles north of this place, were attacked by a large-sized bald eagle. By the vigorous use of a club Mr. Waldon prevented the pugnacious Mr. Waldon prevented the pugnacious bird from doing any injury to himself or

Blaine Visits Carnot Panis, Dec. 14.—Mr. James G. Blaine and Mr. Levi P. Morton were received by President Carnot to-day. They were presented by Minister McLine.

An Attorney Goes to the Pen. an attorney, has been sentenced to one year in the penitentiary for awindling farmer on the harrow racket.

Dichtherin Foldemic. raging in this county. Over one hundred deaths from this desease were reported last week.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 14.—Alvin G. Clark, of Cambridge, Mass., arrived here last night with the phetographic lons for the Lick telescope on Mt. Hamilton, and loft for the Observatory to-day to place the

Found Hanging to Tree.

Pittshungh, PA., Dec. 14.—The remains of Charles Fry were found hanging from a tree at Natrona, Pa., at an early hour this morning. Foul play is suspected, and an investigation has usen ordered by the

# THE COMMONWEALTH.

The committees of the Northern and Bouthern Assemblies of the Presbyterian Church, at Louisville, have adjourned their session without accomplishing the results for which it was called.

THE Central Ralway and Bridge Com-pany, of Newport, are about to file appli-cation with the Secretary of War for per-mission to build a bridge between Newport and Cincinnati.

A COMMITTEE of the Kentucky Press Association met at the Galt House, Louis-ville, a few days since, to draft a legal ad-vertising bill to be offered to the Kentucky Legislature for consideration. Henry A. Sommers, of the Elizabethtown News, was chosen presiding officer. Resolutions were adopted recommending the passage of a general advertising law, regulating prices to prevent the giving of State printing to

Dewspaper monopolies.
THIRTY-TWO PROCESS belonging to Hon. W.

L. Scott's stables we e disposed of by auction at Lexings n, a few days ago.

The noted trotting stallion Messenger
Chief died at Versail es frem the rapture of a blood vessel. Value, \$30,000. OWSLEY COUNTY is perhaps about as completely isolated as any spot in the State, there being neither railroad nor water communication with it.

MOREHEAD is about to have a newspaper

ocated there.

The toot-toot of the locomotive has become a familiar sound to the denizens of Barbourville, the railroad having been comp eted to that place. A LITTLE five-year-old boy, and maybe future candidate for President of the United States, attending the primary de-

par.ment at Hazel Green Academy, rethe following original composition on chickens: "Hens makes nesses and dogs catches coons." WM. CUNDIFF, a bad character of Adair County, being warned to leave the county, precured a gun and shot and killed Tait

precured a gun and shot and killed Talt Eridshaw, an estimable citizen. Though pursued and fired upon by a body of men, Curdiff escaped.

It has been discovered that John, Jacob, and Joseph Lang, and his risters, Mrs. Lizzle Pfister and Mrs. Barbara Stimmetz, all of Louisville, are equal heirs, with relatives living in Germany, to the estate of the late ex-Governor Michael Hahn, of Louisiana estimated at \$8,000,000. estate of the late ex-Governor Michael Hahm, of Louisiana, estimated at \$3,00,000. The Republicans of the Eighth Sona-torial district have nominated Lewis Jones, of Muhlenberg, to succeed Hon. Sam E. Hill, resigner. The Democrats nomi-nated Hamilton Reisinger to oppose

THE post-office at Hickman will be raised to the third, or Fresidential, class

January L THE sheriff of Jessemine county and the udge, two members of the comparing board of elections, bave issued a certificate to W. T. Jones, the Democratic candidate for Representative.

GILMAN & BREST, of Bourbon County, bave slaughtered and shipped to New York and Boston about twenty thousand turkeys, for which they paid six and a half cents a pound on foot, making a total of \$15,000. They shipped from Richmond \$15,000. They shipped from Hichmond \$000 head and from Nepton 5,000 W.J. Rensom shipped from Paris 75,000 pounds, for which he paid an average of seven and

a half cents per pound, dressed.

Tou Exchange Mills, of Carlisle, burned to the ground, entailing a loss of over \$0,with the roller process, and had otherw been improved until it was one of the b equipped mills in Kentucky. Beside the building and machinery lost there were about 150 barrels of flour and over 2,000 bushels of wheat Lurned. The insurance was only \$4,000 on the mill and \$1,000 on

Miss Darna Barron, stepdaughter of A. N. Wells, was thrown from her horse near the railway crossing, at Nicholasville. Her leg was broken, but she escaped other so rious injuries. She is quite young, and a daring equestrionne.

Rev. Dn. Basil Manly, a profussor in the

Baptist Theological Seminary, of Louis-ville, while returning to his home a few evenings ago, was wayled and eand-eagged by two masked men. His condi-tion is critical. THE bicennial report of State Auditor Hewitt is ready for issuance to the mem-ers of the General Assembly. It com-

prises the financial condition of the State for the two years beginning July I, 1880, and ending June 33, 1887. The Auditor says that his last report showed a beliance in the treasury of \$525,557.70, and that for the year ending June 30, 18-6, there was a total sum of \$3,080,517.05 paid into the treasury, and for the same period a total sum paid out of \$3.355,525 SR leava balance in the treasury June 1886, of \$230,578.98. The total recelpts for the year ending June 3), 1887, were \$8,227,432,47, and total expenditures for same period \$8,250,326.57, leaving a balance June 30, 1887, of \$197,684.88, Referring to an entire of \$1,000. ferring to an estimated condition of the the State Government are paid, and not including the funds set apart for the schools and sinking fund, he says the receipts for this fund for the year ending June 30, 1888, will be \$1,722,4 8.59, and exenditures \$1,665,000, leaving an estimated palance for the year of \$57,438,50. For the year ending June 30, 1880, the receipts of the same fund will be \$1,787,988.50, and expenditures \$1,470,000, leaving a balance at the end of that fiscal year of

Thos. Doso, a negro living in Simpson County, shot and dangerously wounded an old man named Wm. Holmes, because the latter would not swap suspenders with

Mn. Moopt, the evangelist, will be in thicago during the Christmas helidays, A source explosion occurred the other morning at the saw-mill of Joe Lindsay, Mt. Sterling, killing the sawyer and seriously wounding the engineer.

CHARLES COUNTLIVE has been appointed estmaster at Cove Spring, Logan County. Some weeks ago Edward Hong came from Denver to Ovensboro, where Ie was to be married to a young lady of that place. Suddenly he disappeared and, despite every effort of relatives and friends, no trace of him could be found. A few days ago a negro boy found his re-mains on the Bon Harbor hills, near Owensbore, the identification being per-fected by articles found in the pockets of